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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jean-Francois AUTECHAUD

Serial No.: 09/558,377

Filed: April 26, 2000

For: MODULAR INTERCONNECTION  
 ARCHITECTURE FOR AN EXPANDABLE  
 MULTIPROCESSOR MACHINE, USING A  
 MULTILEVEL BUS HIERARCHY AND  
 THE SAME BUILDING BLOCK FOR ALL  
 THE LEVELS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2003. Please amend the application as indicated below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Claim Listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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Invention: Modular Interconnection Architecture for an Expandable Multiprocessor Machine; Using a Multilevel Bus Hierarchy and the Same Building Block for All the Levels

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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